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Prayer :

TO BE USED FOR BOTH THE DAYS  
*Of Publique*  
THANKSGIVING

*For*  
The seasonable and happy reducing of the LEVELLERS,  
being *Thursday* June 7. And all *England* over on *Thursday*  
June 28. 1649.

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Die Martis, June 7. 1629.

*Ordered by the Supream Authority of the Nation, that this Forme of Prayer be forthwith Printed & published, and sent into every respective Parish one, in London & the Liberties thereof, in the morning, of the day appointed, and throughout all England (every Parish and Congregation one) to the end that none may frame excuse; And that all Parsons, Viccars & Curates, or other Persons appointed, do audibly and distinctly read this Form of Prayer, to all their severall Congregations, as they will Answer the contrary at their Perills.*

H. Scobell Cler. Parl.

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*When as any Congregation shall be convened together in any Church,  
Chappell, or other accustomed place, at the time appointed for this  
generall Thanksgiving, they shall chuse one gifted amongst them  
audibly and distinctly to reade this Forme of Prayer following.*

*And rehearse with a loud voice some of these Sentences  
of Scripture.*

**C**ursed is he that curseth his Father or Mother.  
*The people shall answer, Amen.*

Curseth is he that taketh a reward to slay the soul of the In-  
nocent blood.

*Answer. Amen.*

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Curſed be he that removeth the mark of his Neighbors land.

*Answer, Amen.*

Curſed be he that ſmiteth his neighbor ſecretly.

*Answer, Amen.*

Curſed be he that perverteth the judgement of the ſtranger, fatherleſſe and widow.

*Answer, Amen.*

Curſed be he that putteth his truſt in man, and taketh man for his defence, and in his heart goeth from the Lord.

*Parſon.*

**S**Ave us we beſeech thee O Lord from the hands of our enemies, abate their pride, aſſwage their malice, and confound the devices of *Fairfax, Cromwell, Ireton*, and all our enemies; we beſeech thee alſo with thy favor to behold our moſt gracious Sovereigne Lord King CHARLES the Second, grant him in health and wealth long to live, ſtrengthen him that he may vanquiſh overcome all his Enemies, defend him from all the evill intended againſt him, and his Alliance; and keep him from the conſpiracy of this remnant of Parliament, from all their blindneſſe of heart, Pride, Vaine-glory and Hypocriſy, Envy, Hatred, Malice and all Uncharitableneſſe: from their Sedition and privie Conſpiracie, from all their falſe Doctrine and Hæreſy, from their hardneſſe of heart, and contempt of Gods holy Word and Commandements. *Good Lord deliver us.*

By our ſeverall Oathes made unto him, by our Allegiance, by the Commands of obedience in thy Word, and by all the ties of Nature, Law and Reason, forcing us thereto.

*People. We beſeech, &c.*

By the Imprisonments, ſcoſſes, Death and paſſion of his Royall Father, by all his Afflictions, Tribulations and ſufferings.

*People. we beſeech, &c.*

**O** Lord we beſeech thee, preſerve the ſorrowfull Queen, and all her Royall Branches, eſpeciall the Duke of *Yorke*, and the Illuſtrious Princeſſe *Elizabeth*, who are in great danger, neceſſity and tribulation; deſtroy all that riſe up againſt them, and finally beat down Satan under their feet. *Amen.*

*People. We beſeech thee to hear us, &c.*

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*Then shall follow this Exhortation.*

**F**Orasmuch as they have seasonably reduced their Apostate brethren the *Levellers*, and have appointed this Day of rejoycing for a Victory over their own Party; Feasting and pampering themselves in time of scarcity and want, even whilst their poor brethren in *Laucashire* starve of famine; let all true-hearted *Loyalists* bear with patience what ever it pleaseth God to lay upon them; if hunger, a dish of cool herbs is better then the superfluety of the wicked; if athirst, a cup of cold water is farre better then the *wine of violence and extortion*; in every thing let us learne to be content, and give the *Glory* to God; for although he purgeth his floor, he will gather his wheate into his garner; but the *chaffe* he will burn with unquenchable fire; and though we are cast off for a time, we are not utterly forsaken; our hope is in the *LORD*, that he will gather us together as a hingathereth her Chickens: And when our enemies shall cry, peace, peace, all things are safe, then shall sudden destruction come upon them, they shall not escape the wrath of God in the day of vengeance, which obstinate sinners, through the stubbornnesse of their hearts, have heaped upon themselves, which despised the goodnesse, patience and long suffering of God; they shall cry for *mercy* in the time of *Iustice*, as they have cryed for *Iustice* in the time of *Mercy*, because they hated Knowledge, and abhorred the Councell of the Lords Anointed; therefore this terrible judgement shall be pronounced against them; *Go ye cursed, &c.* But for us, although we have sinned, we have an Advocate with the Father, which will obtain grace for our sins, we will therefore returne to him who receiveth all true penitents, and walk in his ways to our lives ends.

*Then shall the parson say.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

people, we beseech, &c.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy Word, to receive it with pure affection, and to hate any thing that shall be contrary thereto.

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*Then let the person read distinctly the 29. of Ilaiah.*

And then (having rehearsed the Articles of their faith,) let the person read Jeremiah. 18. and then sing Judge and revenge, being psal. 43.

Let us pray.

**O** Lord in mercy behold the great scarcity and dearth, which thy poor people in the Countrey doe suffer by reason of our sins, grant that these Bells priests; ( the Catterpillars of the Common-wealth) may not devour all; but that this *Plague of famine* may through thy mercifull goodnesse be turned into cheapnesse and plenty. *Amen.*

From all evill and mischief, from the craft and assaults of the Devill, from *Fairfaxes* mercy, and *Crumwells* Charity.

*Good Lord deliver us.*

That it may please thee to blesse and preserve our Royall King CHARLES the Second, all his True-hearted Nobility, and Loyall Gentry.

*Wee beseech, &c.*

That it may please thee to Illuminate, all Bishops, Pastors, and Ministers of the Church, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and convert all such as are repugnant to thy holy word; whether *Goodwin, Owen, Peters, Dell*, or any else; and if thou pleasest not to convert them, then confound them.

*VVee beseech thee, &c.*

That it may please thee to enable all Magistrates, giving them grace to execute Justice, and to maintaine truth; and to convince or confound all *Anti-justiciaries*, whether, *Bradshaw, Cook, VVylde, Rolls*, &c.

*VVee beseech thee, &c.*

That it may please thee to preserve and keep all the People from such devouring Wolves; whether *Counsell of State, Committees, Sequestrators, Exizemen*, their *Informers, Pursuivants and Setters*. And to strengthen and preserve all that suffer under them, or any of them, for the testimony of a good Conscience.

*VVee beseech, &c.*

That it may please thee to unite the hearts of all people in firme love to thee, and honor and Obedience to thy Vicegerent; and since Vengeance is thine, We beseech thee poure down the

Violls

Violls of thy fierce *wrath* upon their *curfed* heads that barbarously and wickedly have laid violent hands on thy dear Saint and Servant, and our most gracious Sovereign, to shed his most precious blood, make them as *Cain*, or as *Corah*, *Dathan* and *Ahiram*, let the earth swallow them alive; or let them be as *Judas*, or *Absalom*, that have taken away the precious life of their King.

*Wee beseech thee, &c.*

Make their Armies to destroy one another, send thine Arrows, and scatter them, cast forth lightning, and destroy them, scatter them as dust before the winde; But as for thy servant *Charles* our King and Governor, place a Crown of pure gold upon his head, gird him with Strength, that he may bring down the high looks of the proud, teach his hands to fight, and his arms to break a bow of steel; deliver him from the strivings of the people, and make him the Head of the Heathen; let him follow his enemies and overtake them, and not return till he hath destroyed them, let them not be able to stand, but fall under his feet; give unto him great Prosperity, and shew thy loving kindnesse unto thine Anointed; grant him his hearts desire, and fulfill all his minde; reward his enemies according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their own inventions recompence them; after the work of their hands, pay them that they have deserved; Let their Prayers be an abomination in thy sight, and their Table become a snare unto them; Let their children be Vagabonds, and their kinsfolks runnagates; let them grow old with heavinesse, and spend their yeers in mourning, let the sword goe through their own heart, and cause their bow to be broken, let them perish together, and help them not, because they imagined deceit, practise mischief, and deal in wickednesse all their lives long; they lie in wait for blood, and the way of Peace have they not known; break their jaw-bones, O Lord, and let them fall away as water that runneth apace, let them consume away like a snail, and like the untimely fruit of a woman; let them be taken in their pride, because their *preaching* is of cursing and lies, in the evening they troop about the City, and grin like a Dogge; their device is onely to put Him out whom God will advance, their delight is in lies, they give pleasing words, but curse with  
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their hearts; their tongue is like a two-edged sword; they privily shoot at him which is perfect; suddenly they hit him, and fear not; they courage themselves in mischief, and commune among themselves how they may lay snares; they imagine mischief, and practise it, and keep it secret in the depth of their hearts: their own tongues shall cause them to fall, and all that see them shall laugh them to scorne; But the Righteous shall rejoyce in the LORD, and put their trust in him: and all they that are true of heart shall be glad.

Then read James the 4. and conclude with this Psalm following,  
Sing it as Psal. the third.

There is no God, as Crumwel doth  
affirme in his mad mood,  
His drifts are all corrupt & vaine,  
he never did doe good.  
The Lord beheld him from on high,  
and all his bloody trade,  
And saw no one that sought indeed  
the living God to finde.

They went all wide, and were cor-  
rupt, and truly there was none (rupe,  
That in their Army did doe good,  
I say there was not one.  
Is all their judgement so far lost,  
that all work mischief still?  
Eating the People up as bread,  
not one that seek God will?

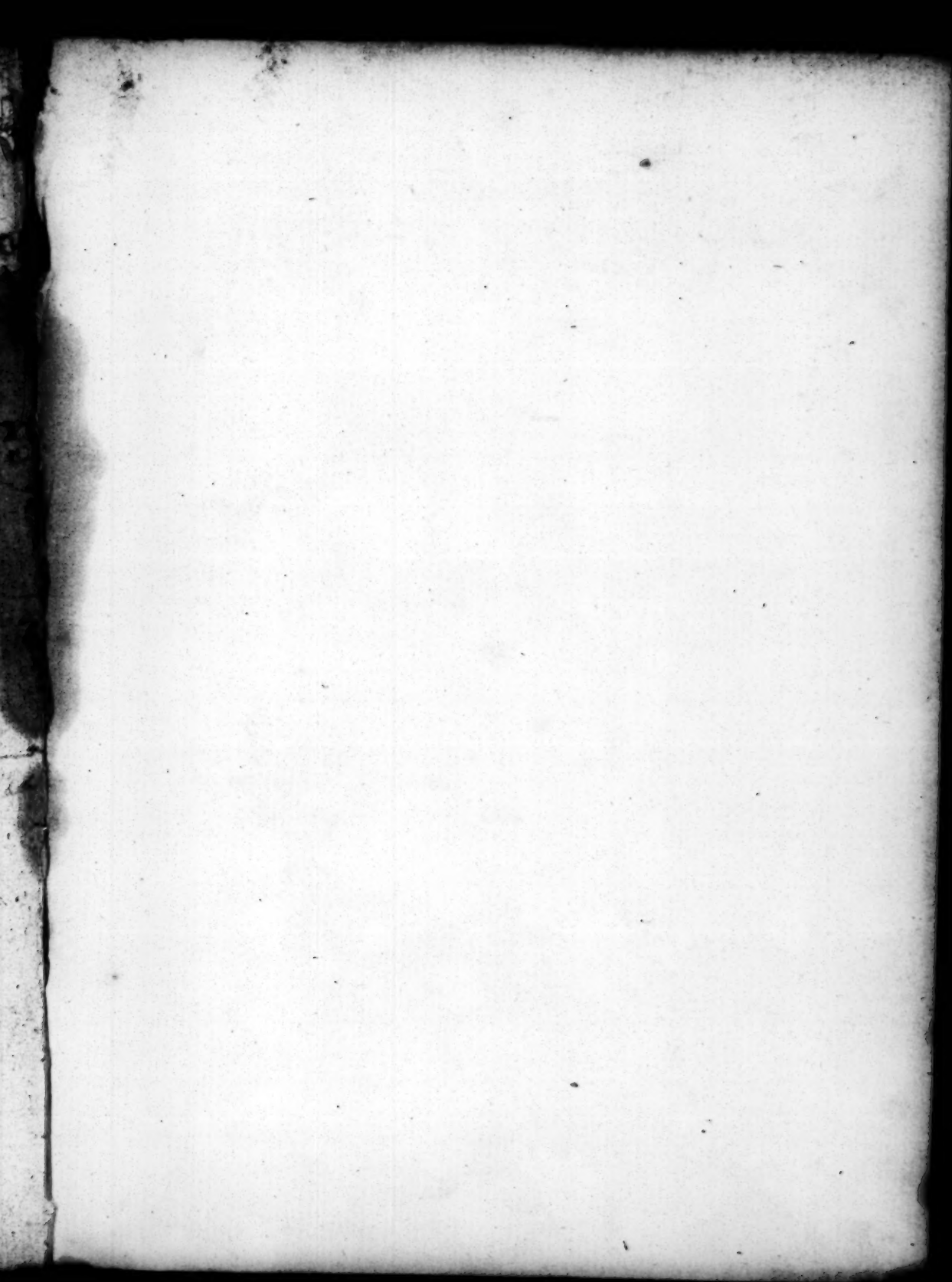
When they thus rage, then suddenly  
great fear shall on them fall: ly,  
For God doth love the Righteous,  
& wil maintaine them all, (men,  
Those mock the doings of the poor,  
and kill, and rob with shame  
All that do put their trust in God,  
or call upon his Name.

But God wil raise a second Charles  
proud Rebels to subdue,  
And those that killed have their  
be'l make them dearly rue (king  
Even then he shall restore againe  
Such as were captive led,  
Poor Cavaliers shall then rejoyce  
when Charles shall be Crowned.

Turne us againe, O God: and cause thy face to shine, and we  
shall be saved. Psal. 80.

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